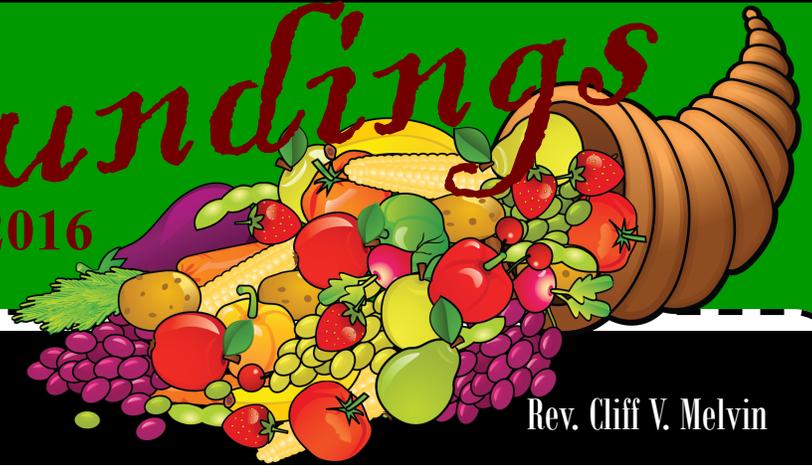


Soundings

November 2016



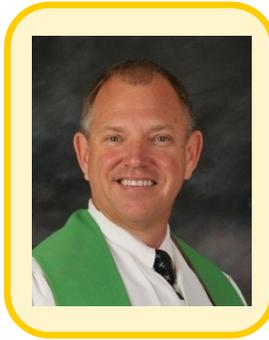
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Cliff's Notes

Rev. Cliff V. Melvin



Hurricane Matthew and pumpkins galore were the themes for October! We are still pulling dead branches out of the oak trees! A report on our Pumpkin Patch is due soon. We will let you know how we did financially. But, we know that many, many young families came to buy pumpkins, have a hay ride, get their kids' faces painted, and enjoy our bounce house! It was a fantastic outreach and PR time for our church. A special thank you to Dave and Kathie Althoff for coordinating "The Patch".

Of course, November will be consumed by our

election process. I pray that God will use the elected leaders in positive ways for our community, our nation, and the world. Please pray for our elected leaders that their hearts will be open to God's leading.

Many of our 6-7 month residents have returned. Welcome home! You will see that the new Greytwig office complex is in full use and several changes have happened in location of activities, so watch your notices closely for the location or you may be wandering around looking for your gathering place!

We are in the midst of a challenging sermon series called *Half Truths: Things we only think the Bible says*. I hope you are finding it helpful and enlightening. I am finding it challenging to prepare!

Our Five-Year Planning Team is evaluating the survey on programs and

they are preparing the next survey on Facilities which will be out this month for your input. The Five-Year Team will be putting together a report on their findings (including survey results) with recommendations for our next five years which will be available in the first quarter of next year. They are looking at programming, facilities, staffing, Thank you for your input!

I hope all of you have a very blessed Thanksgiving holiday filled with good times with family/friends, excellent food, and thankful hearts for all God's many blessings.

Peace,

join us for **ADVENT VESPERS**

A time for quiet reflection and centering amid a hectic holiday season.



- Taize-style Ecumenical Candlelight Services with Scriptures
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Each Wednesday evening of Advent: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21 at 6:30pm

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Save the Date - December 10, 2016

THE 12TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CANTATA

JESUS!

The Advent of the Messiah
Music by Mary McDonald and Rose Aspinnall
Orchestrated by Ed Hogan

Christ by the Sea UMC
3755 Hwy A1A, Vero Beach
Saturday, December 10, 2016
4:30 pm and 7:00 pm
Free-will offering

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WHO IS THE KING OF INSTRUMENTS? Organ vs. Piano
Nov 20 3&7pm

PIANO QUINTET VIOLIN VIOLA CELLO PIANO
FEB 12 3PM

MONSTER PIANO 5 PARTS
March 26 3pm

ADULTS: \$25 | STUDENTS: \$10
CBTSUMC.ORG 772.231.1661

CHRIST BY THE SEA UMC 3755 HWY A1A VERO BEACH, FL 32963



LAST CALL!

Get your tickets for *The Dueling Brothers Concert*, November 20, 2016, 3 & 7pm. Featuring *Dr. Jose Daniel Flores* on the organ and brother *Dr. Marcos Daniel Flores* on the piano on a reprise of the original highly acclaimed "Who's the King of Instruments" concert.

Does CBTS Really Need a Youth Ministry?

By Lisa Melvin, Director of Youth Ministries

Once in a while there comes a time when folks are not of the same opinion about a ministry's worth. Some in our congregation consider young people as an optional demographic at CBTS. But I don't believe that to be so in God's Kingdom. Jesus clearly thought highly of children and youth.

The base membership of our church is composed of adults. According to the Barna Group, a highly respected Christian polling organization, **94%** of those adults who identified as Christians came to know Christ by the age of 18. I wonder how full our pews would be if our congregation had no Christian education as youth.

When I came on to pinch-hit as Interim Youth Director just over a year ago, I felt surprisingly and strongly called by God to do so. The youth ministry had gone through an abrupt change of leadership and was left with 3 regular attenders. After the Staff Parish Relations Committee conducted a 4 month search for a permanent Youth Director, I applied for and was offered the position of Part-Time Director of Youth Ministries. My supervisor is June Traylor, Director of Ministries.

We have increased from 3 regulars to 8-10 youth regularly attending our Evening Group. We have just over half that number for Sunday School since families tend to travel on weekends. Our very own Bishop, Ken Carter, speaks fondly of his attending a small youth group.

I find youth education to be of utmost importance. My main focus has been to follow Jesus' lead; feed his sheep. I am introducing the youth to all the facets of being disciples of Jesus. They are being taught about the importance of belonging to and contributing to a community of believers; how God's people are special to Him and are taught to have a compassionate and worshipful attitude. We study the Bible and engage in discussions that foster spiritual growth. They volunteer as liturgists, communion servers, musicians, singers, sound technicians, liturgical dancers, servers at seminars, Angel Tree present wrappers and most recently, Pumpkin Patch workers. They have also been involved with outreach, mission trips and much more.

I was recently asked why they aren't in the worship service, which surprised me, because they are. They sit in the front row, in the middle with family or friends and sometimes way in the back. Perhaps on the podium involved in the worship service or in the sound booth, learning audio and video.

They are not the future of the Church, they **ARE** the church, just like the rest of us. Yes, I think we really need a Youth Ministry. Please join me in praying for the youth, supporting them and making them feel welcome.

Prayer:

Lord – Thank you for all the blessings you bestow upon us. Thank you for all the children and youth in this world. We pray that you provide for them all their needs: physical provisions, spiritual training, faith, guidance, love, affection and a sense of true belonging. In your name we pray. Amen.

CONNECT



Men's Bible Study

Join men of the church for great studies, Monday evenings through May 1, 2017. First Series; The Bible: Why Does it Endure? Check out the complete list of topics, at The Connection Point. If you would like more information please contact Don Combs, (772) 231-2489.

Three Opportunities to Share the Love of Christ During Advent

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations worldwide through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Christ by the Sea has participated in this important endeavor for some years.



You may pick up an empty box and instructions in Ratcliff Hall, pack the box with small toys and other gifts for a specific aged boy or girl and return the filled box to the church by November 13. If you are unable to shop yourself you may adopt-a-box with a monetary contribution of \$25. Checks should be made to Christ by the Sea with Operation Christmas Child in the memo line.

Pray that God will touch the heart of every child receiving a shoe box gift and that He will bring many children to faith in Jesus Christ. Cathy Laite (772-461-9341) leads this ministry.

Holidays For Heroes

Military Moms Prayer Group of Vero Beach again are requisitioning treats for our troops to let them know that they are not forgotten. Check out the display in Ratcliff Hall and an opportunity to support our troops. Bags will be available in Ratcliff Hall with clear instructions. Jessie Marden (772) 234-7168 chairs this ministry opportunity.



Angel Tree

We partner with Prison Fellowship to provide a Christmas present to children of incarcerated Indian River County Residents. The parent suggests the present for their child. You purchase the present, deliver it to the church unwrapped. It will be wrapped and delivered to the child with a note from the parent. Delores Mackey (772-567-8875) chairs this endeavor. The angel tree will be in the Narthex November 20 to allow adequate time to obtain the gifts, wrap and deliver.



SERVE

Revitalize with Habitat on Nov. 19

Join with the CBTS volunteers as we support Indian River Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization program. We do needed repairs (usually painting) on homes of people that don't have the means do for themselves. We'll work from 7:30 AM until noon on Saturday 11/19. No special skills or tools required. For details, or to sign up, contact Howard Leary at (908)655-6072 or howard@hleary.com.



Samaritan Soup Bowl Returns

Thursday, November 3rd, 11:00 am—1:30 pm

This yearly fundraiser for the Samaritan Center raises support for the center at 3650 41st Street and brings awareness to the entire community on what it would be like to be homeless and hungry. Plan to attend and support the Center on Thursday, Nov. 3rd in Ratcliff Hall.

An added feature of the day will be the VNA offering Flu Shots from 11:00am- 1:00pm.
Medicare participants with a current card will have no fee.

UMW NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM THE UMW PRESIDENT

As Mr. Matthew made his appearance and disrupted life, and church for a bit. I hope that you were safe and didn't incur any damage. We have rescheduled our speaker, Trista Calvin of the UM Children's Home to speak at our Nov. 2 meeting. It is a covered dish and all are welcome. Call Phyllis Brewer at (772)234-8254 if you plan on attending as a non-UMW member. UMW is a way to meet and greet sisters-in-Christ, hear an interesting speaker and enjoy a GREAT lunch.

Just three weeks are left to purchase your Nov. 11, Fashion Show tickets. Tickets are available in Ratcliff Hall after services on Sunday. As an added treat, we will have male models, strutting their fashions, for the men in your life, plus entertainment and super raffle prizes.

The UMW is inviting all non-members and spouses of CBTS to join us in our Annual Christmas Luncheon to be held at Bent Pine Golf Club. The cost is \$25 per person. Please call Kathie Althoff (772) 234-6053, for reservations. You will enjoy the beautiful environment, decorations and sharing friendship. Y'all come.

I wish you a blessed, safe and Happy Thanksgiving.
Toby Ann Mann

Greetings fellow Christ by the Sea United Methodist Church believer:

Being co-chair of the finance committee, I felt the need to supplement our church finances through a Fall Matching Gift Program. Our February 2016 Matching Gift Program was less than stellar, so the folks on the Finance Committee and I decided to have a quiet "Fall Matching Gift" Program. We felt that we ask the general congregation enough times through the year for pledges and funds that we would try to keep this small, to a group of about three dozen people. However, some members have heard of the program, and wondered why they had not been included. I certainly did not want to exclude anyone. My hope was to raise funds quietly, and without fanfare; but, there is much appreciation to those who have given. So, I am opening this Fall Matching Gift Program to everyone.

We do have two wonderful angels who have put up \$25,000 to Match, and we are well on our way. If you would like to give to this worthy cause over and above your pledge, then please write a check to Christ by the Sea UMC with Matching Gift in the memo line. Match gift donations can be accepted until the end of this year. Remember to add **Matching Gift on the memo part of the check**, and either mail it to the Church office, or put it in an envelope for the collection plate.

I want to apologize to anyone who may have felt excluded from this drive. I do appreciate everyone who has contributed time, talent and treasure to this effort. I thank all who support Christ by the Sea Church, as its really a very, very special place to me. I am sure it is for you. See you on Sunday, and maybe other days, too.

Thank You! God Bless, Dave Vogt, Finance Chair

FINANCE

Endowment

Four Questions

1. Do you have a will or trust?
2. Have you included CBTS?
3. If you haven't will you consider doing so?
4. Would you like to talk privately about giving options?

Thanks, The Endowment Fund "The Fund that keeps giving."

Roy Daniels, Chair—(772) 492-6181

Financial Summary

(Snap shot of the numbers as of 09/30/2016)

<u>General Offering</u>		<u>Attendance</u>	
Income	\$159,738	Average Weekly 2016	328
Expense	<u>\$186,537</u>	Average Weekly 2015	344
Deficit	(\$26,799)	% Difference	(4.71%)

(Fiscal Year to Date 07/01-09/30/2016)

(Calendar Year to Date 01/01-09/30/2016)

Birthdays

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| 01 - Alejandra Coll | 18 - David Moon |
| 03 - Judi Guarine | 20 - Joe Guarine |
| 05- Marion Czaja | 21 - Serina Halverson |
| 05 - Bonnie Drake | 22 - Vince Laconis |
| 06 - Pam Gore | 23- Kristen Parish |
| 06- Don Hunkins | 24 - Gerry Bryan |
| 07 - Daniel Doherty | 24 - Richard Dunlop |
| 07 - Deanna Himelick | 26 - Janet Jones |
| 08 - Elaine Wolford | 27 - Bill Mann |
| 09 - Jean Sears | 27 - Kathie Strong |
| 10- Paula Eifler | 27- Sally Ewing |
| 10 - Kathy Emmons | 27 - Paula Rogers |
| 12 - Meredith Blake | 28 - Cookie Thompson |
| 13 - Mary Ellen Seward | 28- Chris MacBeth |
| 14 - Melissa Cirillo | |
| 15 - Peter Pruitt | |
| 16 - Matthew Biondi | |
| 17 - Julie Madsen | |
| 17- Ralph Alewine III | |
| 18 - Shirley Pruitt | |

Bill and Rebecca Fountain

11/1

Tom and Beth Bugg

11/04

Ted and Christine MacBeth

11/17

Vince and Anita Laconis

11/23

Brent and Lorraine Schrecongost

11/23

Joe and Judi Guarine

11/29

Anniversaries

You will be able to place your order for Christmas Poinsettias starting in November! Look for the special envelopes, or call the church office for more details.



UMW PECAN SALE



It is time to place your order for those delicious UMW pecans!

DARK CHOCOLATE COVERED \$10.00

CINNAMON GLAZED \$10.00

CARAMEL CLUSTERS \$10.00

FANCY MAMMOUTH HALVES \$12.00
(\$11.00 a bag for 5 or more bags)

ALL PROFITS GO TO MISSIONS

Sign up on UMW bulletin board to the right of the kitchen in Ratcliff Hall.

Charge/Church Conference

Date: November 7, 2016

Time: **Please note new time**
6:15pm—registration/refreshment/fellowship
6:30pm Conference begins

Location: First United Methodist Church
1750 20th Street, Vero Beach, 32960

No members to be removed.

Two Sunday Worship Services Begin

January thru April

8:30am & 11:00am

9:45am Sunday School



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints Day 4pm —Serve Mtg.	2 All Souls Day 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 11:45am —UMW Unit Mtg. 4pm —Bell Choir 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment 6:30pm —Liturgical Dance	3 10am —Women’s Bible Study 11am — 1:30pm—Samaritan Soup Bowl and VNA Flu Shots 1pm —Craft Group 3pm —Adventure Club 5-7pm —Youth Group 6pm —Chancel Choir 7pm —Cantata Choir	4 6:30pm —Youth Adults, Pizza and Bowling Party	5 11:00am — 1:00pm Shepherds Gathering
6 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service/honor All Saints/All Souls Day	7 10am —Al Anon 6:15pm —Annual Church Conference at First United Methodist Church 7pm —Men’s Bible Study	8 Election Day General Polling Place(6am –8pm) 10am —Grief Support Group 4pm —Trustee Mtg. 6pm —Suicide Grievers Support Group	9 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 4pm —Bell Choir 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment 6:30pm —Liturgical Dance	10 10am —Women’s Bible Study 1:00pm —Sacred Circle 1pm —Craft Group 3pm —Adventure Club 5-7pm —Youth Group 6pm —Chancel Choir 7pm —Cantata Choir	11 Veterans Day 11:30am — UMW Fashion Show at Bent Pine Golf Club	12 8:00am —Band of Brothers 9am– noon —Cantata Choir Rehearsal
13 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service 12:15pm —Serving at the Source	14 10am —Al Anon Noon —Bank Counters Appreciation Lunch 4:30pm —5yr strategic planning meeting 7pm —Men’s Bible Study	15 1pm —Ladies by the Sea 3pm —5yr Strategic Planning <u>sub</u> <u>committee</u> mtg. 3pm —Golf Mtg. 4pm —Finance mtg. 7pm — Neighborhood Watch	16 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 1pm —UMW Executive Board Mtg. 4pm —Bell Choir 5:30pm —Dinner 6:15pm —Christian Enrichment 6:30pm —Liturgical Dance	17 10am —Women’s Bible Study 11:45am —OWLS 1pm —Craft Group 3pm —Adventure Club 5-7pm —Youth Group 6pm —Chancel Choir 7pm —Cantata Choir	18 Concert Rehearsal—All Day	19 Concert Rehearsal—All Day 7:30am — 12:30pm —Habitat Work Day
20 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service <i>Becoming Acquainted</i> 3pm & 7pm —The Dueling Brothers Concert	21 10am —Al Anon 7pm —Men’s Bible Study 7pm —Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Community Church	22 1pm —Ladies by the Sea 4pm —Church Council	23 10:30am —Staff Mtg.	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 	25 Office Closed	26
27 9am —Sunday School 10am —Worship Service –Decorating the church	28 10am —Al Anon 7pm —Men’s Bible Study	29 10:30am —Worship Mtg. 1pm —Ladies by the Sea	30 10:30am —Staff Mtg. 4pm —Bell Choir 5:30pm —Dinner 6:30pm —Advent Vespers			